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Subject: Re: VoToys Field Operations Site Update for January 2021

Hi Steve. The removal of mercury from Building C is mostly complete. Only lower level residual levels remain in the super structure. There may be some mercury to be removed associated with the slab but that will be done when the slab is removed and that may be this winter or next depending on the sequencing of the A and B removal. Whether or not the shut down affects the Building B mercury removal in the winter is yet to be determined. We are hopeful it won't.

Any questions give me a call at 9084204465.

Dave

Sent from my iPhone

On Jan 6, 2021, at 7:59 AM, Stephen Kehayes <Steve@spkehayes.com> wrote:

Thank you, Shereen. Let's hope those infected with the COVID virus recover without lasting effects.

Does EPA expect this shutdown to jeopardize the schedule to remove mercury in Bldg C during cold weather this year?

Thanks, again. Steve



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On Tue, Jan 5, 2021 at 1:29 PM Kandil, Shereen <Kandil.Shereen@epa.gov> wrote:

Good afternoon and Happy New Year!

I hope this email finds you and your families in excellent health and that the holidays were safe and beautiful.

As you may be aware, several of GE's contractors have either shown symptoms of or tested positive for COVID-19. Out of an abundance of caution and to protect the health and safety of the field workers and the community, field operations have been temporarily suspended. We are posting an update to EPA's Vo-Toys webpage (<http://www.epa.gov/superfund/vo-toys>) and we

hope you'll be able to provide similar information on the town's webpage. You may feel free to use the language we've drafted:

EPA learned that several field contractors involved with the cleanup operation at the Vo-Toys site have shown symptoms of or tested positive for COVID-19, and the individuals are in self-quarantine. EPA has temporarily suspended field operations at the Vo-Toys site until further notice.

The suspension of work is a temporary measure and will be reassessed as soon as possible. During this time, there may be limited on-site activities by personnel who have not been affected by COVID-19 and are not symptomatic. All visible and high-level mercury found in Building C has been removed, and although trace mercury vapor levels remain inside the building, they are very low and will not impact the community. Perimeter air monitoring remains non-detectable for mercury and will continue during the temporary work suspension. Additionally, manned site security will be maintained on-site during the suspension.

The decision to suspend work was made in consultation with our partners, including the town of Harrison. EPA will continue to work closely with state and local health officials, and all partners and stakeholders, to make determinations about site work based on guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. EPA will also continue to closely monitor site conditions.

It is important to know that during the COVID-19 pandemic, EPA maintains its ability to respond to human health or environmental emergencies at Superfund sites, or in any situation where we are called upon to address immediate risks from releases of chemical, oil, radiological, biological, and other hazardous materials.

Should you need anything, please do not hesitate to reach out.

In health,

Shereen

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